GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
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DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) undertakes many research projects to develop the agricultural activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of research projects undertaken by the IARI during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the total amount allocated and utilized for the purpose, project-wise and year-wise;

(e) whether these projects were undertaken without proper survey and ignoring the needs of the farmers; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 309 TO BE ANSWERED C
AUGUST, 2002 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROJECT.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) undertakes many research projects for developing varieties in different crops (including horticultural crops) and related production and protection technologies. The projects are also undertaken for the purpose of generation of knowledge in the areas of basic sciences such as biotechnology, physiology, bio-chemistry and also in the areas of social sciences. These projects are aimed to enhance the production and productivity of various crops in the country for the benefit of the farmers.

(c) IARI has undertaken 239 research projects in various programmes during the last three years.The year-wise project formulated in the institute are:

1999-2000 (141)
2000-2001 (55)
2001-2002 (22)

In addition, 17 projects are in operation since 1998 and 4 projects have been initiated during 2002-2003.

Besides the above, there are 143 externally funded projects from various departments/agencies as on 31.3.2002.

(d) The institute functions in a division mode of operation having a number of Divisions, Centers, Units, Regional Stations etc.The budget is allocated to meet the contingent expenditure @ forty to fifty thousand per scientist. In specific areas requiring higher expenditure funds are allocated as per requirement. Besides, separate grants are provided for travel and equipment procurement. All other expenses like salary, library, farm operation, fuel, works, payment of electricity and water charges etc. are allocated separately. The year-wise total plan and non-plan budget of the institute are as follows:

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
1999-2000	925.00	6709.50	7634.50
2000-2001	700.00	7280.00	7980.00
2001-2002	1236.62	7944.00	9180.62

In additions the institute received funds from external sources for meeting the expenditure of externally aided projects also.

(e) No, Sir. The projects were undertaken based on the requirement of the farmers to generate production and protection technologies for the country at large. They are basically formulated by the scientists based on their interaction with the farmers, discussion and feed back obtained from various agencies/departments.

(f) Question does not arise, Sir.